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Many students discovered themselves in same situation as Steve Klatte Jan. 13, after an overnight record snowstorm deposited an additional 14 inches on the

NWMSU campus. The storm surpassed the 1940 record of 12 inches in a 24-hour period and created blizzard conditions throughout much of the midwest.

Digging out

Record snow blankets University

by Cheryl Krell

A record breaking snowstorm accompanied by high winds, low temperatures and blizzard conditions, swept through the midwest Jan. 12 and 13, depositing a 14-inch blanket of white over the NWMSU campus and Maryville.

Surpassing the 1940 record of 12 inches in a 24-hour period, the Jan. 13 storm was coupled with wind chill temperatures of 70 degrees below zero and 8 1/4 inches of previous snow, bringing total ground accumulation to approximately 22 1/4 inches.

Because of hazardous road conditions much of Maryville was brought to an abrupt standstill with the cancellation of most activities, sporting events and business closings.

Despite the standstill in town, classes were still held at NWMSU Jan. 15 as scheduled, to the surprise of many students.

"Basically our present policy right now is that we do not close school," said Bob Henry, News and Information director. "This is largely due to the fact that a large number of students live on the campus and can make it to class and much of the faculty lives in Maryville and can make it to the campus."

Although NWMSU did close once last year because of

snow, Henry does not believe that this would happen again.

"Last year our program for the snow cleanup was not very developed and didn't work too well, especially since the snow came overnight," he said. "This time they had all day Sunday to work on the clearing process."

Security and maintenance began working together early Jan. 14 to clear pathways and began the digging out process on the student parking lots.

Many students in the dorms awoke to the calls to move their cars from one end of the parking lots to another, braving zero and sub-zero temperatures to aid in the clearing.

"I believe that the overall response was pretty good," said Earl Brailey, director of Security. "We had mostly good student cooperation."

Besides several campus fender-benders, Brailey reports the only problem was in getting some students out to help move their cars.

"There were a lot of people working long, hard hours out there and they received generally good student response,"

he said. "I think overall the clearing process went very well."

This year, for the first time, the University was able to utilize all its own equipment and personnel for the removal, which aided in the quickness of the clearing. The only outside help required this time were the services of a tow truck.

Dr. Robert Bush, assistant to the president, calculated a total of 209 maintenance and grounds man hours involved in the snow removal process and 94 machine hours. The total cost to the University for the clearance was \$2,875.70, although this figure does not include Security. This year's charge was considerably less than last year's, \$4,220, paid out by the University to a local contractor to have the snow removed.

"It is really quite a savings considering that last year it cost more to have less work done," said Bush. "I'm really proud of the beautiful job that was done. I was impressed with the quick response of the students as volunteers and the staff in mobilizing car pools to make it to work. I think we were way ahead of the city and I expect us to be able to handle any other problems that may come up."

NOTES

HEAD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES SELECTED

Dr. Eugene Galluscio is NWMSU's new head of the Division of Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Galluscio is formerly from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was Chief of Research, Laboratory Division. Dr. Galluscio took over his new post on Jan. 15.

STUDENT SENATE MEETING IS SLATED

The student Senate will meet at 7:15 p.m. Jan. 23 in Hudson Hall.

MYERS RECEIVES AWARD FOR RADIO PRODUCTION

Tom Myers, media specialist at NWMSU, was honored January 7 by District VI of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education at the council's annual convention in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Myers, received a Distinguished Achievement award for his radio production, "Northwest Passage."

The award was a second place honor in the competition which included entries from college and university public information staffs from eight states.

"Northwest Passage" is a 15-minute feature program done in three segments. The source of the materials for the programs are KXCV broadcast students. Student Kevin Brunner was involved with the production of "Northwest Passage." Bob Hammond is currently serving as associate producer.

The production is currently being aired on Sundays on KCMO Radio in Kansas at 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays on KMA Radio in Shenandoah, Iowa.

FARRELL LEADS BEARCATS IN WRESTLING VICTORY

Heavyweight Joe Farrell produced a pin in a must-win situation to lift the Bearcat wrestlers to a 20-18 dual meet victory over Graceland Jan. 11.

The 'Cats trailed into the final match when Farrell improved his record to 8-2 with the pin. Other victorious 'Cats in the Graceland meet were Kirk Strand, Joe High, and Marty Carter. Craig Buschbom achieved a tie.

BLEED-IN TO BE HELD

On January 22 Bleed-In, sponsored by the Community Blood Center of Kansas City, will be held on the third floor of the Student Union in the northwest cafeteria. It will last from 10:00 until 5:00.

JOHN DILG'S ART IS ON DISPLAY

A collection of paintings and drawings by John Dilg, assistant professor of art at the University of Iowa, are currently on display in the Fine Arts building. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 30.

DR. CARNEAL PUBLISHES BROCHURE ON ST. JOSEPH

Dr. Thomas Carneal, of the NWMSU history department, recently published a brochure, "Saint Joseph Landmarks: A Record of Our Significant Historical and Cultural Resources." Carneal was copy historian for the publication.

STALDMAN APPOINTED TO RADIO COUNCIL

Rollie Stadlman, director of broadcasting at NWMSU, has been appointed to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's Radio Advisory Council for 1979.

Stadlman will be serving on the council with 11 other members from the U.S.

TWO ATTEND NEW YORK NURSES CONFERENCE

Jane Smith and Sue Gille attended the Nurse Educator's Conference and Workshop Dec. 7-10. Over 2,000 nurses from around the world attended the New York meeting.

THREE RECEIVE WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIPS

Three NWMSU seniors majoring in wildlife ecology and conservation have been awarded Mark B. Robbins Wildlife Ecology and Conservation scholarships.

The \$100 spring semester grants were awarded by Dr. David Easterla, program director of the wildlife degree program, to Less Terry, Tim Barksdale and Paula Ohrt. Dr. Easterla is chairman of the Mark B. Robbins Scholarship selection committee.

"WALKABOUT" TO BE SHOWN

Walkabout, a film from the International Film Series, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Horace Mann Auditorium. A presentation of the Performing Arts Committee of NWMSU, the film is open to all NWMSU community members.

You Asked for it



Got a problem? A misunderstanding? Or are you just curious about a certain practice or policy on campus or in town?

A new service column called You Asked For It, designed to clear up misunderstandings involving students or faculty of NWMSU, has been added to the *Missourian*. All questions or complaints should be submitted to the *Missourian* by noon Friday. The *Missourian* staff will then look into the issue as an objective third-person. All letters must be signed and names will be used.

BOARD OF REGENTS RESCHEDULE MEETING

The Board of Regents has rescheduled its regular January board meeting for 10 a.m. Jan. 24, in the Board Conference Room of the Ad. building.

SWIM MEET SLATED FOR JAN. 19

The NWMSU swim club will host Concordia College in a swim meet beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 19. The meet will be held in Martindale swimming pool.

GYNECOLOGY CLINIC INCREASES HOURS

The Gynecology clinic has increased its hours to three times a week. It will be open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Wednesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Those interested should check at the Student Health Center in regards to costs.

EURITT SELECTED NOMINEE FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Sophomore Mark A. Euritt is NWMSU's nominee for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Euritt will enter statewide competition for the scholarship, which will support educational pursuits during his junior and senior year and two years of graduate work.

DR. CARPENTER TO SPEAK AT SEMINAR

Dr. Sam Carpenter will speak at 10 on Jan. 20 at a seminar at UMKC. The seminar, lasting until 3, deals with what students should expect when being employed in the field of industry.

'CATS LOSE IN MIAA TOURNAMENT

The men's basketball team finished in last place for the third consecutive year in the MIAA holiday tournament over Christmas break.

The 'Cats lost in the opening round to Southwest Missouri State, 95-80. They then lost their final set and third in a row to Missouri-Rolla. The final score was 88-86 in a game that was played in double overtime. In the seventh place game the 'Cats lost to the guest team Evangel, 91-74.

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Former University President Jones dies at 85

by Dave Gieseke

The new year rang in with sadness at NWMSU as Dr. John William (J.W.) Jones president emeritus of the University died on New Year's Day at St. Francis Hospital. He was 85.

Jones was named president of the University in 1945 after serving as dean of faculty. He retired in 1964.

"He was always interested in the students and took time out to talk to them," President Dr. B. D. Owens said

Owens was a student when Jones served as president.

During his administration, the University expanded from a teacher's college to a general liberal arts college. Increasing enrollment required more facilities.

Lamkin Gymnasium, Colden Hall, Rickenbrode Athletic Field and major additions to both men's and women's residence halls came into existence.

"The Student Union, being named after

him, shows the esteem in which he was held by the students," Owens said.

Other accomplishments during Jones' administration were the farm shop opening, the industrial arts plant expansion and the establishment of the first graduate program.

Owens had another memory of Jones' accomplishments.

"During the time I was a student here we wanted to establish a student/faculty discipline committee. That committee was

established under Jones and continues today," he said.

According to Dr. John Harr, chairman of the history/humanities division and an instructor during Jones' administration, Jones was a very dedicated educator.

"Jones served the college 20 years as president and is deserving of a high place in the history of the institution," he said.

"His whole life was really the University," Owens said. "He was, like he said, 'Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat.'"

Media personalities to speak at conference

by Doug Geer

Area media personalities will be on campus Jan. 26 for a panel discussion at the "Local Radio News and Cultural Values of the Communities" conference. Area high school and college students will discuss local radio newscasts and the purposes they serve their audiences.

The members of the panel include Ned Dermody, KMA, Shenandoah, Iowa; Dr. Edward Bailey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Linda Brant, KNIM, Maryville; Robert Bohlken, NWMSU professor; Rich Breiner, assistant professor, NWMSU; Steve Daugherty, Associated Press editor, Des Moines, Iowa; and Kathy Cross, KFEQ news editor, St. Joseph.

The day will begin with a 10 a.m. to noon tour, followed by a luncheon. The symposium will be held at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The panel's discussion will include the influence of a community's value system

upon radio news selection, the influence of radio news upon the community's values, the selection and sequence of news stories, the duration and details of news stories and the aesthetic taste of news stories.

For nine years Dermody has been the news director at Shenandoah's KMA radio station. The news department at KMA has won several awards for documentary and spot news coverage in statewide and regional coverage. While working at St. Joseph, Dermody won first place with his documentary on drug abuse in the Missouri Broadcasters' competition.

Bailey went to Abilene Christian University where he received his bachelor's degree and then went on to Iowa State University to gain a master's degree in journalism and mass communications.

After several teaching experiences, Bailey is presently a radio news director and TV producer-director as well as a professor at the University of Nebraska.

Brant joined KNIM as news director this past September after working in Sioux City as general manager of an advertising agency. Brant was a high school teacher in Sioux City and Emmetsburg, Iowa where she taught English, drama and speech.

Bohlken, head of the division of communication, will be one of the persons representing NWMSU on the panel. Bohlken went to Nebraska State College, Peru, Neb. where he received his bachelor's degree. He went on to receive his master's degree from the University of Nebraska and his doctorate in speech communications from the University of Kansas.

Breiner is the other panel member representing NWMSU. Receiving his master's degree from Kent State University, Breiner is now completing his doctorate in journalism, tele-communications and public address.

Since joining the Associated Press in 1975, Daugherty has served as broadcast

editor of the bureau since 1978. Daugherty is also the Iowa news and farm correspondent for the AP Radio Network and previously worked at radio stations at Fort Dodge, Iowa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Des Moines, Iowa.

Cross, a graduate of NWMSU, is the final member of the panel. She is currently the news editor at KFEQ in St. Joseph and has won several awards including first place in the 1977 Missouri Radio-TV News Association with a documentary on teenage problems. Cross also won first place in the 1978 Missouri Broadcaster's Association with a story on arson in Northwest Missouri.

This year's conference is supported by a grant from the Missouri Committee for the Humanities, Inc., the state-based arm of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Jeff McCall, news director at KXCV-FM, and William Christ, instructor of broadcasting, are serving as co-chairmen for the conference.

Senate to fill vacancies

by Ken Willkie

Student Senate will hold a special election Jan. 23 to fill vacancies left by the resignation of six senators and for student body approval of the revised Senate Constitution.

Positions for one freshman, one junior, one senior and three off-campus senators opened. However, only six candidates have entered the election.

Laura Catron, Kevin Harding, John Handley and Michael Wolf will run for the freshman position. Alan Nicholas will run unopposed for senior senator as will Thomas Mussallem for off-campus.

With no candidate for junior senator and only one apiece for senior and off-campus, students are encouraged to write-in their choice for a representative.

"We hope that there will be people who have enough following in order to make it less of a one-sided election," said Darrell Zellers, Senate president.

Those senators resigning are Mark Carr, Steve Cipolla, Vince Evola, Laura Giesenhagen, Bob Glynn, Julie Goodman, Dave Hunt, Carol Neegard and Don Santoyo.

Although there are seven vacancies, Senate is not responsible for filling the dorm representatives as in the case of Carr, Cipolla and Glynn.

"The individual dorm councils are responsible for electing their representatives," said Shawn Francis, senior senator.

Although these voids happened at one time, Zellers explained that it is not unusual for this time of year.

"It always seems that we have a big turn around at second semester," said Zellers. "Senators sometimes wish to pursue other interests or decide that Senate takes away from them academically."

Aside from voting on new representatives, students will have the opportunity to approve the revised Senate Constitution.

"The present constitution is really outdated, so we felt that it was time to come up with a new one," said Zellers.

Thus, Francis and his student affairs committee began work on the new constitution in October.

"It wasn't something they just sat down and didn't think about," said Zellers. "They put a lot of work into it and have had in-depth discussions. I think they've done a good job."

An open forum will be held 8 p.m. Jan. 18 in the Spanish Den for students who have questions concerning revisions in the constitution.

"I think for the most part students will agree it is time for a new constitution and that we have come up with a good version," said Zellers.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Union and from 4-6 p.m. in the high-rise cafeteria.



Photo by Dave Gieseke

After receiving a commemorative plaque from the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, President B.D. Owens talks to the crowd with TKE members Alan Nicholas (left) and Thomas Mussallem (right) looking on. The TKE's gave the award to Dr. Owens in conjunction with their 25th anniversary.

Harr values versatility, intangibles

by Suzanne Cruzen

Versatility has always been important for Dr. John Harr, head of the history/humanities division—a man who “likes everything.”

“I always liked history but the trouble was I liked everything else too,” he said.

Everything else ranges from the three college sports he lettered in to the 30 different courses he has taught. Dr. Harr has instructed high school and College students in everything from world history to biology to freshman composition.

“I place a high value on versatility,” he said. “And whatever I do, I have to be good at it.”

And teaching history is no exception.

Recently Dr. Harr received a framed proclamation naming him NWMSU's first Distinguished University Professor. Selected by the University's Board of Regents for his “long and distinguished service,” he has been a member of the faculty since 1944.

He began his NWMSU teaching career with a class in naval and military strategy. With five to 10 students in each class, he called the course “a flimsy program.”

“I remember getting students on Monday and on Friday they would say ‘turn in their grades, we're shipping them out,’” he said.

Although he wasn't happy at NWMSU initially, he has stayed 35 years to see the University “under four flags.”

“People ask me why I stayed here so long. I tell them it was because I couldn't get any tires,” he said with a laugh. Now Dr. Harr takes pride in being part of the University's growth.

“There's something exciting and rewarding about teaching,” he said.

But his first encounter with the teaching profession left him “almost wishing I could be a perennial student.”

On the other side of the desk for the first time when he was 21, his first school was in Wisconsin. For \$725 a year, he was principal, coach and teacher of six subjects. “The only thing I didn't have to do was build the fire,” he said.

Although he knew “nothing could be worse,” he didn't let the experience discourage him.

“It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life because it gave me perspective,” he said.

After this first encounter with teaching, Dr. Harr taught in three other states before coming to Maryville.

“I looked forward to traveling new places and meeting new challenges,” he said. “But that was when life was simple and I could throw everything I owned, including my wife, into the car.” He laughed as he spoke.

But life may still be simple for Dr. Harr. Even now he places the most value on what he calls the “intangibles.”

“Intangibles, in many ways, are more important than the tangibles,” he said. “Without them life is kind of bleak.”

One of those intangibles is his good relationship with his students.

“In spite of my antiquity, I like to keep in harmony with young people,” he said. “Of course some of the young people I like are now old people.”



Photo by Lori Atkins

Dr. John Harr, a member of NWMSU's faculty since 1944, recently was named Distinguished University Professor. Selected by the University's Board of Regents, Harr is the first recipient of this honor.

Debate team takes third in West Coast meet

The University debate team of seniors Ken Himes and Ward Smith participated in three West Coast tournaments during the semester break.

The two finished third in the 44-team University of Southern California National Invitational Debate Tournament, held Dec. 28-31 in Los Angeles.

Following the eight USC preliminary rounds, Himes and Smith defeated the University of Kansas in the octa-finals, defeated West Georgia in the quarter-finals, but lost in the semi-finals to the University of Arizona. Arizona lost in the final round to Eastern Illinois, which had lost to Himes and Smith in the preliminary rounds.

In the individual speakers category at USC, Smith placed fourth and Himes was sixth in the competition that featured 88 contestants.

Dr. Jim Leu, NWMSU debate coach, was impressed with his team's performance at USC noting that teams from UCLA, the U.S. Military Academy, Harvard, Dartmouth, Northwestern, Cornell and Boston University participated.

On Jan. 2-4, Himes and Smith participated in the 65-team Loyola of Los Angeles National Tournament. They failed to make the elimination rounds and finished 23rd with four wins and four losses in the preliminary rounds.

“At Loyola, more East Coast teams

participated than at USC. The East Coast teams have a different perspective of judging and style than we do. Our team an excellent job, but we just got beat on style,” Leu said.

On Jan. 5-7, the NWMSU team competed at the California State University-Fullerton Invitational.

In the preliminary rounds, they had three wins and five losses, which eliminated them from debating in further rounds.

The varsity team's goal for the year is to get a first-round bid to compete at the 66-team National Debate Tournament. The first-round teams are chosen by a committee of representatives from each district in the nation who rank the applicants.

“We went to three West Coast tournaments to get a bid, but we should have placed highly in two of the three tournaments to get that bid. Now, our first-round bid chances are possible, but unlikely,” Leu said.

To receive a second-round bid, the team must compete in the District tournament. “We have one of the toughest districts in the country,” Leu said. The district includes Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Missouri.

The next tournament for the debate team will be the Jan. 26-28 Southwest Missouri State University Championship Debate Invitational which is expected to draw between 50 and 60 teams.

'79 Tower improves coverage and design

Improvements in design and overall campus coverage will be seen in the 1979 edition of the Tower yearbook.

“We're trying to keep up with current trends in yearbook journalism,” said Laura Widmer, editor. “At the same time, we are looking for input from the student body.”

With this in mind, the '79 Tower will include color photos, student and faculty features and news blurbs.

“The thing we heard the most about last year's book was that there was no color. So we took care of that by adding it to this year's edition,” said Widmer.

Widmer also said that the features on various students and faculty members throughout the University were some of the strong points of the book. “Not only do the judges who critique the book like it, but so do the other students and faculty as well,” she said.

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One of the biggest changes in this year's edition from last year's is the production of the book. In previous years, all paste-up was done at the plant. However, this year in order to save money, the staff is doing its own paste-up.

“Although there have been some problems with doing our own paste-up, the

end result will be something to be even more proud of,” said Widmer.

Widmer also sees inexperience as a big problem in putting together this year's book.

“There are only two people on the staff this year that have had any experience with a collegiate yearbook,” she said. “But even though this is their first year, they

still have a say in what goes into the book so we get a good cross-section of opinions, and that's what really counts.”

First-year adviser Renee Tackett believes dedication is vital to the book. “The 1979 Tower has become an obsession with most of us. We want to put out a publication that we can all be proud to have our names on,” she said.

Big Mac attacks Maryville, NWMSU

McDonalds, which opened a franchise Dec. 9 at 1106 S. Main St. in Maryville is currently employing 20 NWMSU students, according to Manager Dr. Basil J. Photos.

“It's well proven that McDonalds has a preference in building stores in college towns,” said Photos. “We want to sell to local college students, and we want to hire college students to work for extra money which they may need,” he said.

The new franchise is aiding the students of NWMSU, and in return, the University students are patronizing McDonalds.

“Friday, Saturday and Sundays are our biggest days,” said Photos. “The kids are out of school—they go places and shop. They have more time to come than the rest of the weekdays.”

According to Photos, business at

McDonalds has been “better than we expected.”

“In 1975, I was asked if I'd like to take over and operate this (Maryville) unit. So I accepted the offer from the company and came here. I looked around and liked the town,” said Photos.

“The people here are nice, good and friendly people,” he said. “They're true Americans, in all aspects.”

College bowl tests minds and speed

by John Jackson

With the end of the college football season usually comes the end of the bowl season. But NWMSU's bowl season has just begun.

Here, the participants are students and points are awarded not on the speed of their feet, but on the speed of their answers.

The credit for the creation of the college bowl contest goes to Lu Ann Mahlandt, head of the entertainment committee of the Union Board.

The first round of the NWMSU College Bowl was held Jan. 13 in the auditorium of Horace Mann. The field included 20 teams from various campus organizations and clubs.

A moderator starts off the competition with a toss-up question worth 10 points. Each team signals their willingness to answer by pressing a buzzer. They then have three seconds in which to answer. If the team which buzzes first answers incorrectly, the other team has three seconds in which to answer. If neither team answers correctly, the moderator proceeds to another toss-up question. If a team buzzes for an answer before the moderator is through asking the question they must answer in three seconds or lose five points.



Because of the blizzard-like conditions on Saturday, only two members of the SHEA team showed up at the College Bowl competition. Sharon Golden and Cheryl Marshall competed against the AKL's in the opening round but were eliminated by the fraternity.

Photo by Dave Gieseke

When a team answers a toss-up question correctly they are then asked a bonus question worth from 20 to 30 points varying on the degree of difficulty.

Due to the winter snowstorm which plagued the area last weekend, the contest was able to proceed to the quarter-finals with the forfeit of seven of the participating organizations.

In the first round of the quarter-finals the Baptist Student Union defeated the Hudson Dorm Council by the score of 135 to 115. The second contest saw the Inter-Residence Hall Council sweep by the Geology Club 160 to 100. In the third contest the Phi Sigma Epsilon team edged the Alpha Kappa Lambda team 80-70. In the fourth contest the Accounting Society lost to the team from North/South Dorm Council by the score of 125-100.

The semi-finals will pit the Baptist Student Union against the Inter-Residence Hall Council followed by Phi Sigma Epsilon against the north/south dorm council at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

The finalists will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 in Horace Mann Auditorium for the college championship.

After that the NWMSU champion will be awarded an expense-paid trip to Warrensburg, Mo. for competition in a four-state regional contest, compliments of Union Board.

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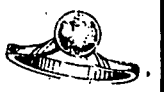


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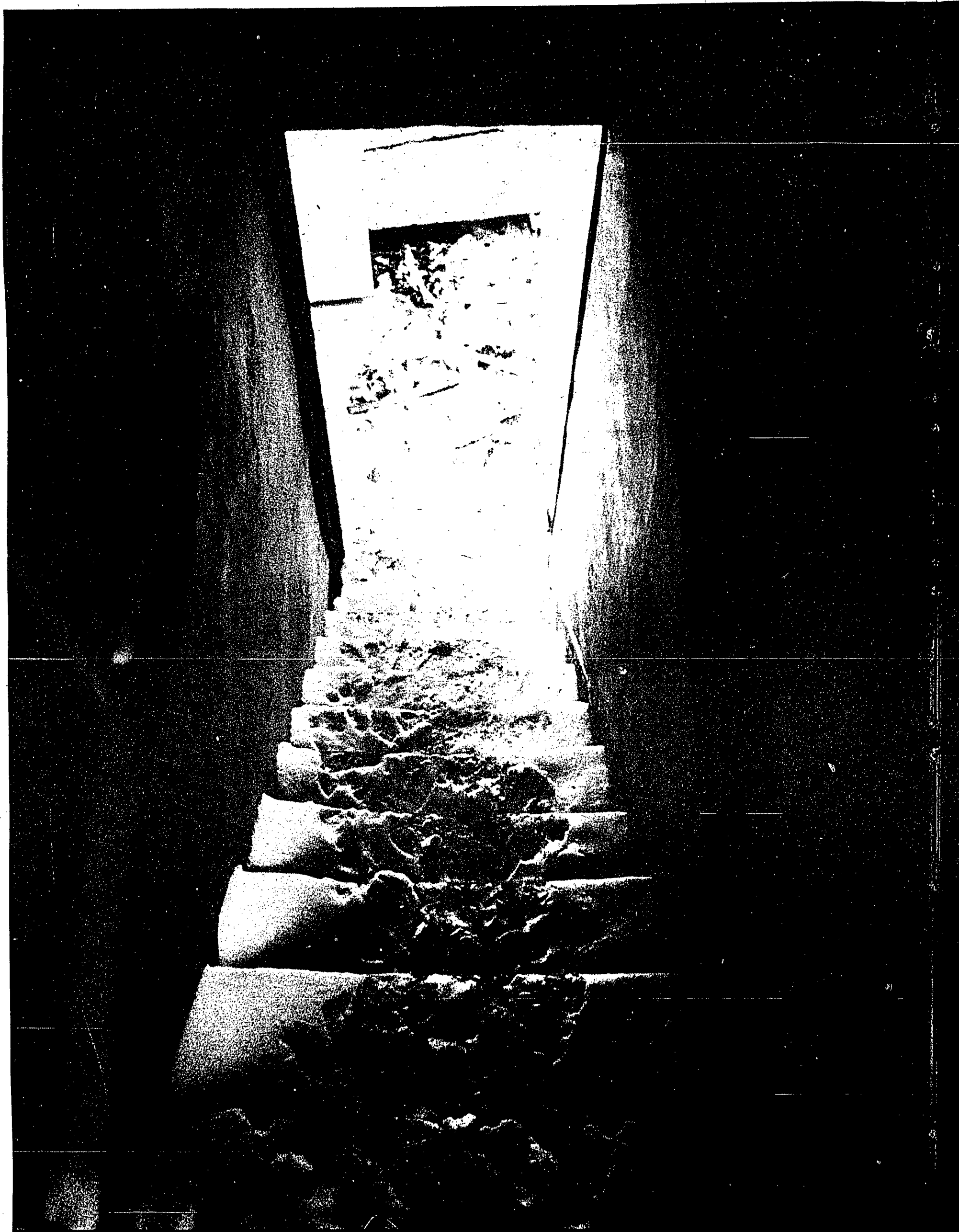
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Henry David Thoreau

Photos by Dave Young





Photo by Jim MacNeil

The five finalists have been chosen for the 1979 Bohlken Awards. The awards will be held on Jan. 29 in Horace Mann Auditorium. The five finalists, pictured from left to right are Bev Faust, Jeff Combs, Carol Esters, Bob Hammond and Debbie Kattleman. The Bohlken Award is an annual event that honors the best film in the Cinematography class.

Radio students excel

Program has topic variety

by Dave Gleseke

Almost any topic is feature material for KXCV's "Alive and Living," according to Perry Echelberger, executive director of "Alive and Living."

"We have done features on anything imaginable," Echelberger said.

"Alive and Living" is a student-produced radio magazine that is aired seven days a week. It is on from 8 to 10 a.m. Now for the first time the program is heard on every third Thursday of the month.

"This program is an hour long with no music," Echelberger said. "Some of our best features are during this hour and we introduce new things that we will sometimes use in the morning shows."

"Alive and Living" consists of 13 feature spots during the morning programming hours. Music and the news are intermixed with three to five-minute features.

"What we really try with the show is to make things interesting and informative," Echelberger said. "We try to do this by making the features short. So if the listener gets tired of one thing they know that it will be over with soon and there might be something else they like around the corner."

The features are produced by students. A group of ten to fifteen producers now comprise the "Alive and Living" staff. Two or three of these students do all of the features for a certain day.

Of the thirteen features, four or five of them will be locally produced. The rest come over the network wire.

"The network sends over features and we listen to them and put the best on the air. Occasionally though we will do a whole show of locally-produced features. Some of the most recent ones were Playboy, death, suicide and the mentally handicapped," Echelberger said.

The "Alive and Living" staff also has 10 local contributors to the program. Some of the features are localized and members of the NWMSU faculty will talk to the staff.

"Dr. (Richard) Fulton is our political analyst and

Dr. (Carroll) Fry is our film reviewer. We do this because our thrust is to try to talk to people of Northwest Missouri," Echelberger said.

What type of features have been aired?

"We have done everything from snow ice cream to politics, from consumerism of the housewife to gay rights in Missouri. We do film reviews and virtually any subject you can think of," Echelberger said.

"We basically try to talk about things we think will be an interest to our listeners," he continued.

The staff also tries to coincide their programs with happenings in the world. When Playboy was celebrating their 25th anniversary, a feature was done on them. A program was going to be done on an historic event. But instead of a story about Pearl Harbor, the staff found out that "The Waltons" was going to have an episode on Pearl Harbor. So they talked to the producer of the show and produced a feature.

"It took me two months to do the Playboy feature," Toby Miller, a student producer, said. "I had to interview a bunch of Playmates. That was my big feature of the year."

Echelberger also has his "biggies" or favorites.

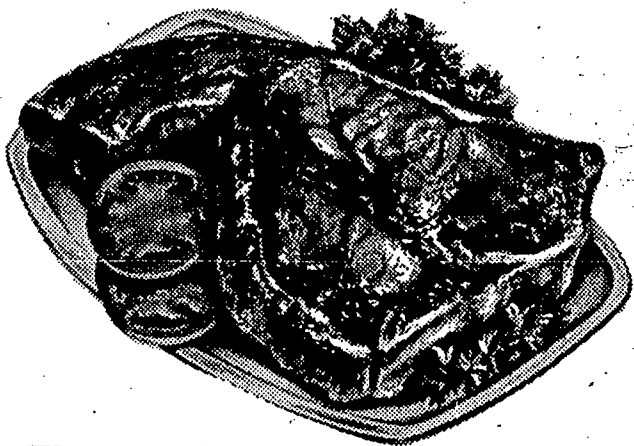
"For myself to talk to the people who ran the National Hobo Day was interesting," he said. "It was amazing to find that Hobos come in from all parts of the country. You talk to them and find out what is and what is not a Hobo. It was really interesting."

During "Alive and Living's" existence, Echelberger had done several other unique things.

"We followed a stripper around for a day," he said. "She was a super lady. Every stereotype you think of she isn't."

"Every original idea you can have about things, you found out that they are wrong. We take time and show people these things. On some features it is just like reliving history. I have interviewed people who talk about things that I could only read about in books. It is just fascinating," Echelberger continued.

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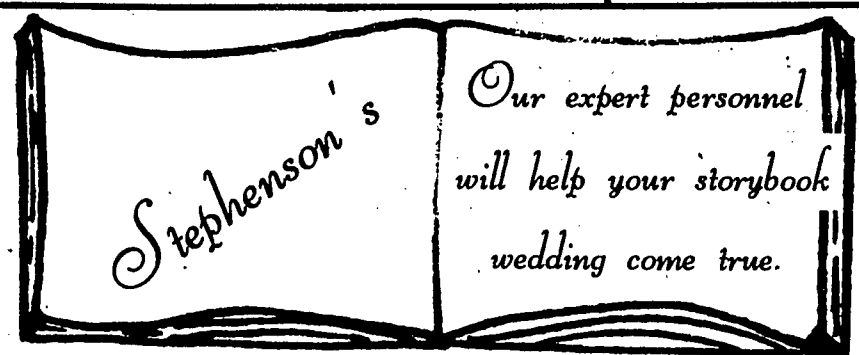


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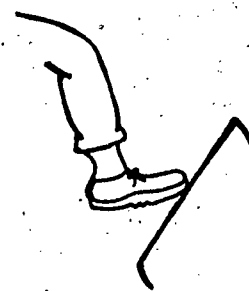
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Late starter blooms for 'Cats

by Janice Corder

Leading the Bearcats in scoring and rebounds this year, junior Russ Miller has come a long way to a starting center at NWMSU.

Miller, who never participated in organized basketball until his sophomore year in high school, believes "my sister was a better basketball player than I was when we were growing up."

Starting at NWMSU his freshman year, Miller has received MIAA all-star mention and Bearcat top rebounder and field goal percentage leader. He is also the tallest 'Cat at 6'9".

"I chose Northwest because when I came here there was no center and it gave me an opportunity to play right away," said Miller, recruited by Coach Larry Holley from Washington High School in Kansas City, Kan.

Despite the fact that Miller enrolled at Kansas State for a brief time he claims he is "very happy" to be back in a 'Cat uniform.

"At K-State I would've had to sit out games a whole year before getting to play," he said.

Miller did not attend classes at K-State, making him eligible to play at NWMSU.

"This year I wanted a chance to play teams that were better than us," said Miller. "I love to play against teams that are better or as good as I am."

The 'Cats' chances are also good this year, according to Miller.

"Everybody's starting fresh right now after vacation," he said. "We definitely have the talent and ability to win the

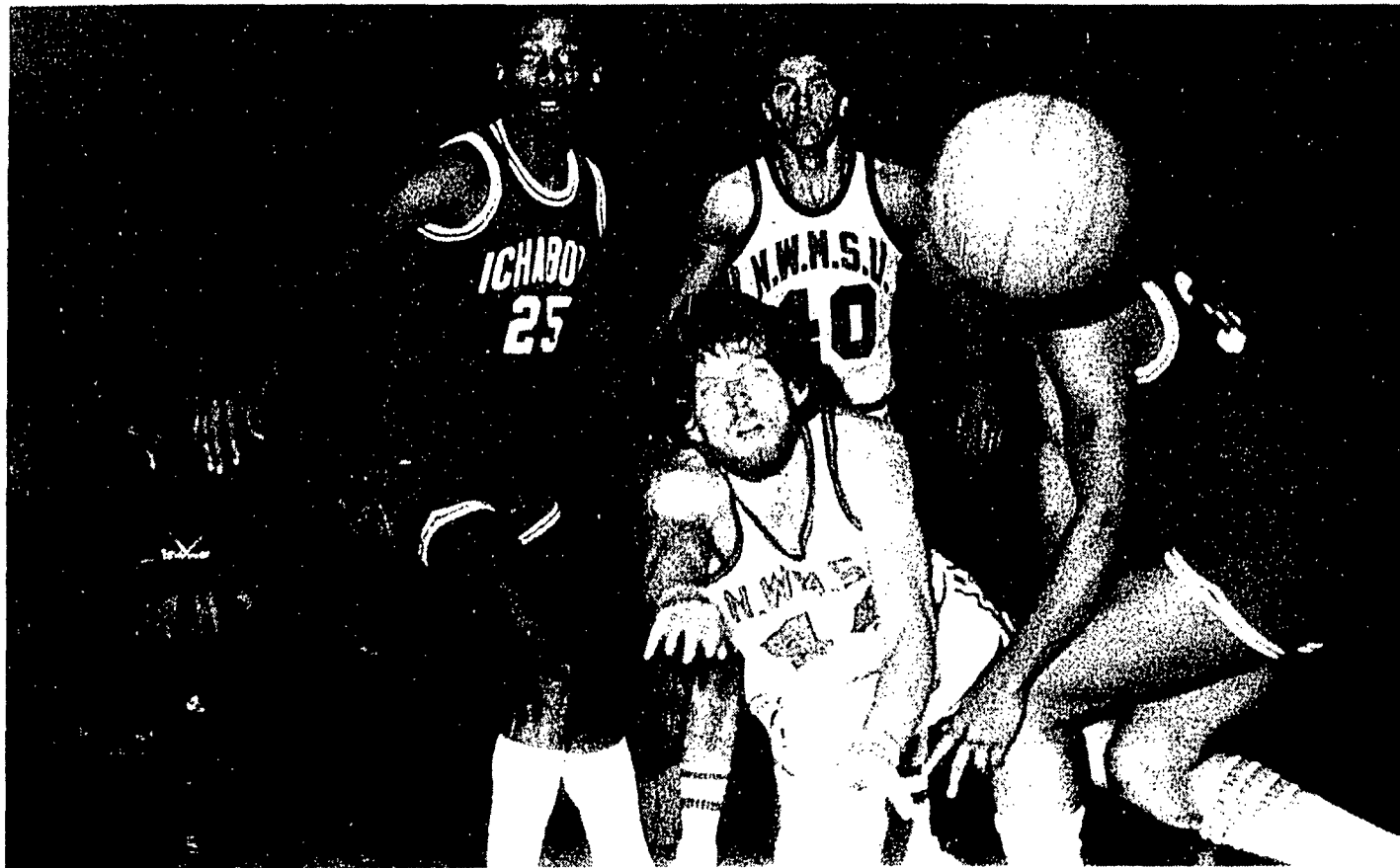


Photo by Dave Gieseke

Russ Miller's desperation pass to a teammate momentarily leaves a Washburn player without a head. Miller, who did not start to play organized basketball until his sophomore year, led the 'Cats to victory over Washburn.

Lost his head

conference, but the competition will be tough."

Since Miller started playing basketball relatively late, he believes there are still things he can improve on.

"I can improve on defense and my all-around game. Now I play a lot bigger part as an intimidator," he said. "I'm also

staying out of foul trouble so I can play as hard as I want all the time."

Sports can sometimes interfere with school work, but last year Miller received the team's top scholar athlete award.

"The classes I took last year I really enjoyed, so I spent more time on them," he said.

Miller is majoring in labor relations and would like a pro basketball career, but doubts his chances.

"That (professional basketball) would be super," he said, "But there's no way I'd be big enough to play in the United States. If I made it I'd have to play in Europe."

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

If you can't win on the road, then you are in trouble.

The basketball Bearcats have found that out in the last couple of weeks. After starting out with a perfect 8-0 record, which included impressive wins over Missouri-Kansas City and Nebraska-Omaha, the 'Cats have dropped five out of their last six games. All of the 'Cats' losses have occurred on the road.

The 'Cats were breezing right along until they went to Ames, Iowa, to meet the Big Eight Cyclones. There the 'Cats suffered their first loss of the year against a team that was out of their class.

How much that loss affected the team before the MIAA tournament nobody knows. But the 'Cats went to Springfield in search of their first victory in the MIAA tournament in three years. In the feature game the 'Cats lost their second in a row on the road as the Bears from Springfield won 95-80.

Then came a heartbreaking defeat. The 'Cats lost in double overtime to Missouri-Rolla, 86-84, winding up in last place for the third straight year. In that game the 'Cats fell behind and were never in the contest as they lost to Evangel.

The team then returned to the friendly confines of Lamkin Gymnasium where they knocked off the NAIA's fourth-ranked team in the Washburn Ichabods. In the first half the 'Cats look like they were headed for defeat for the first time at home but they came back in the second half with inspired play and won by nine points.

But the 'Cats fell again on Jan. 15 to Southwest Missouri State, 80-71. This was the 'Cats' fifth loss of the year and their fifth on the road.

The Bearcats have a good team this year and can be a force in the MIAA conference but first they must learn how to win on the road. If they can win all of their games at home and a couple on the road then they could be in contention for the conference title.

If they would only play the kind of ball they did against Missouri-Kansas City, Nebraska-Omaha and Washburn they could become one of the MIAA's best.

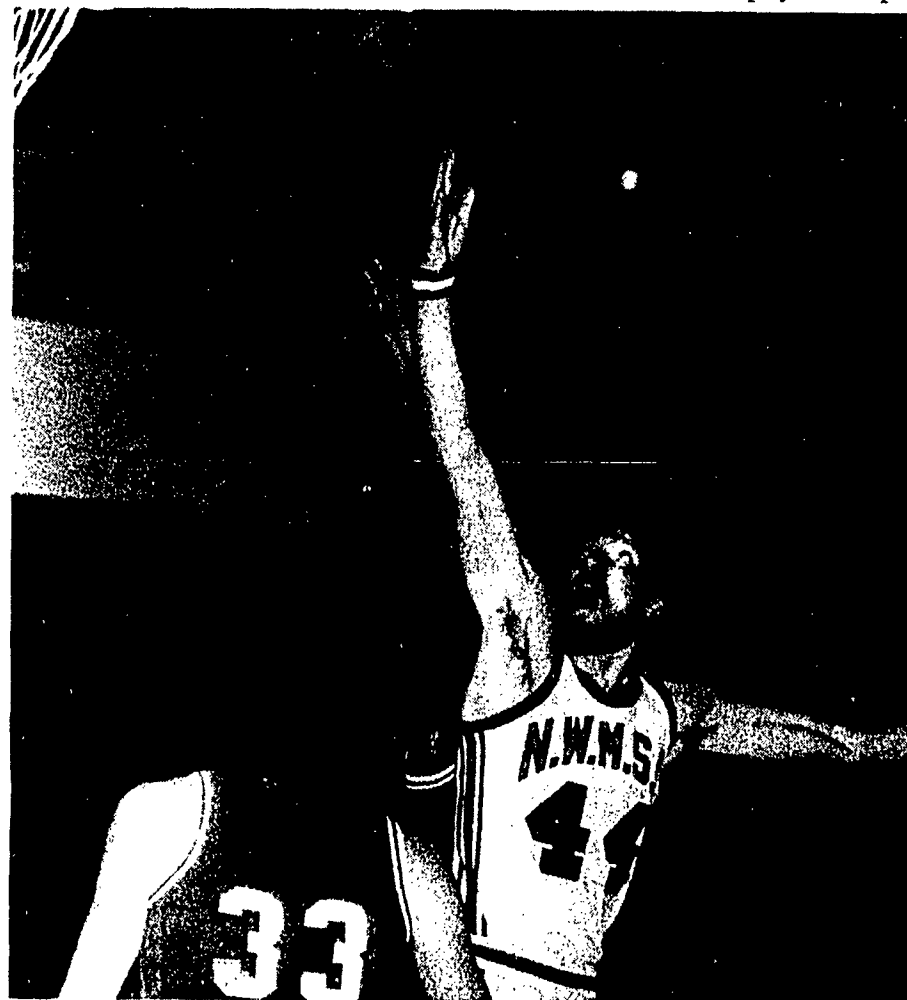


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In the Washburn game, Russ Miller goes in for a lay up. Miller made these two points in the Washburn game and 20 more to lead the 'Cats to victory.

Road games present problems for Bearcats

After dropping five of their last six games, the basketball Bearcats return to the safe terrain of Lamkin Gymnasium Jan. 20 to play the Miners from Missouri-Rolla.

In the pre-season poll of the coaches, Rolla was chosen to finish the season in the cellar. The 'Cats were picked to finish a spot above them in sixth place.

The last time the Miners and the 'Cats met was in the MIAA tournament (in which the 'Cats finished last for the third straight year). In a double overtime thriller, the 'Cats lost to Rolla by a score of 86-84.

The Miners are led by senior forward Dennis DeBondt. According to Coach Billy Key, the team has several young players and he is looking for DeBondt and his other lettermen to lead the squad this year.

After winning their first eight games in the confines of Lamkin, the 'Cats went on the road. It is on the road that the 'Cats have lost all five games this year.

After their third MIAA tournament last place showing, the 'Cats came back to Lamkin to take on the NAIA's No. 4 ranked Washburn Ichabods. The 'Cats handed the Ichabods their first defeat of the year as they won 77-68. This moved their Lamkin winning streak to 13.

After being down 39-28 at halftime, Coach Larry Holley's 'Cats came back behind center Russ Miller, who had 18 of

his 22 game high points in the second half.

Miller and Pete Olsen each scored two baskets to open up the second half. They took the lead at the 10-minute mark when Crale Bauer tossed in two free throws. The 'Cats never looked back after those charity tosses. The closest the Ichabods came was within two points at 60-58. The 'Cats scored the next 11 straight and put the game out of reach.

Leading scorers for the 'Cats besides Miller were Olsen, who had 13, and Phil Blount and Bill Sobbe, who tossed in 11 and 10 points respectively.

The 'Cats couldn't keep their winning streak going in the next game as they lost their fifth straight conference opener.

In a game played at Springfield, the 'Cats fell behind early to the Southwest Missouri State Bears as they lost 80-71. The Bears had just defeated the 'Cats two weeks ago in the MIAA tournament by a score of 95-80.

After trailing at intermission by a score of 40-31, the 'Cats never got closer than three points in the second half. Miller again led the 'Cats in scoring as he had 16. Blount added 14 while Bauer turned in another solid game as a backup forward as he netted 11.

The 'Cats record now stands at 9-5 and 0-1 in conference play.

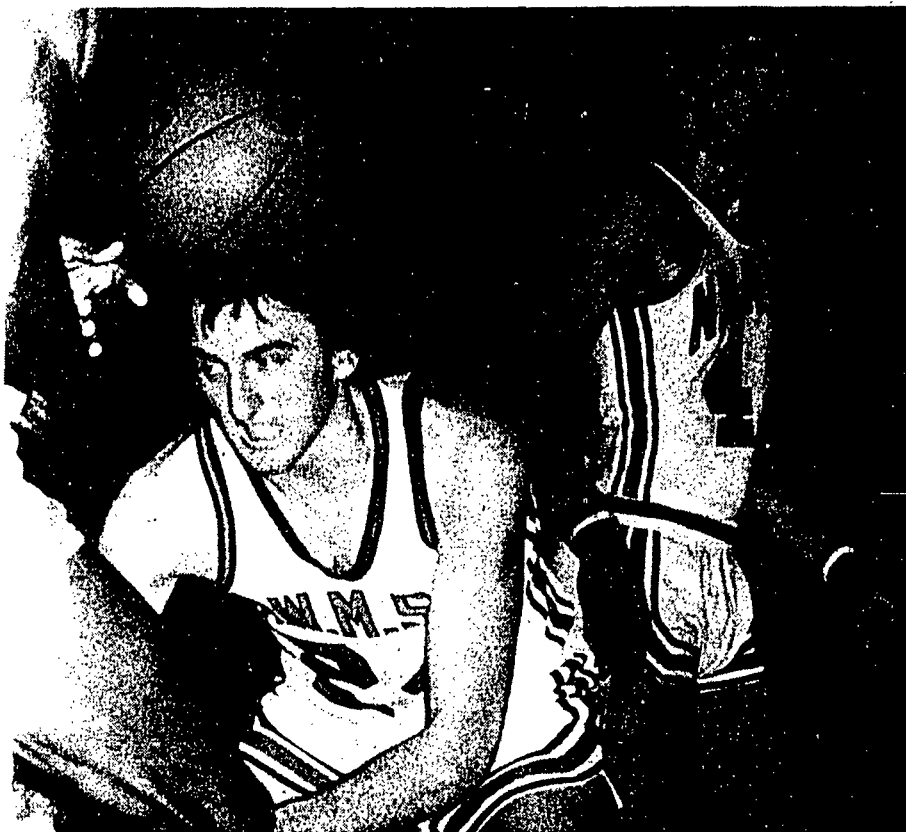


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Although Crale Bauer may appear to have the basketball on his head he turned in another solid performance in the Washburn game. It was Bauer's two free throws that put the 'Cats in the lead, where they stayed, winning 77-68.

'Kittens unruffled by Vegas

by Ben Holder

All the other NWMSU students were stranded in their hometowns over the snowy New Year's holiday, but the Bearkitten basketball team shed the frigid climate of Missouri and journeyed to the glitter, tinsel and warmth of Las Vegas, Nev., for the Las Vegas Holiday Tournament.

Once there, they faced some highly touted teams and dropped two consecutive decisions. The losses were dealt out courtesy of Northern Oklahoma, ranked first in the nation, and 14th ranked University of Nevada/Las Vegas. A victory over the University of Mexico in the final round of tournament play was the only Bearkitten bright spot for the holiday event.

The dual setbacks were the first to mar the 'Kittens' '78-79 season record. Their record now stands at 10-2.

Coach John Poulson said simply, "The competition was very good."

But a road trip is never spent entirely on the court. There are some sights to be seen and things to be done and the 'Kittens did some seeing and doing.

Perhaps the first two questions presented to a returnee from what could be considered the gambling capital of the world are "Did you gamble?" and "How much did you lose?"

A few of the Bearkittens did give the slot machines a whirl but did not lose any substantial amounts. Poulson said that it was not against his disciplinary policies for the girls to visit the casinos. He gambled some himself as a matter of fact.

"How could they not go?" said Poulson. "We lived in one (a casino). After you get off the plane, that is all you see. It's all around you."

I won some then fed it all back into the machines and finally broke even," said Kim Speck, sophomore forward.

Other 'Kittens said they had gambled some but they did not seem truly fascinated with the games of chance.

They were perhaps more amazed with the way people would walk in, lay their money on the table, then lose great amounts of cash very quickly.

"I couldn't believe everybody throwing their money away," said sophomore forward Patty Painter. "One guy we watched lost \$10,000 and wanted credit for more."

"It was amazing. People were throwing their money away right and left," said Julie Chadwick, sophomore forward.

Besides visiting the casinos, the 'Kittens did some other sight-seeing, which included an excursion to Boulder Dam and a ride to surrounding mountains.

Despite the splendor and excitement associated with Vegas, Poulson said he felt his Bearkittens were not taken in by the glamorous distractions. He said the only factors that affected the 'Kittens' performance were very cool shooting and a different quality of officiating.

"I wouldn't think the trip affected our girls. We just ran into some pretty good teams and didn't shoot too well at times," he said.

"They (the referees) were fairly consistent but their type of play leaned more toward the international rules," he added.

The players themselves denied experiencing much nervousness and acknowledged the fact that they had faced some top notch teams. They also voiced their disapproval of the tournament officiating, though not quite as softly as their coach had.

"They (UNLV) were very tough. There was a lot of hand checking and they played a very physical defense," said Chadwick, who scored a season high 22 points against Mexico. "But nobody could beat Las Vegas with the kind of officiating they had."

Painter agreed that UNLV had been especially tough and thought the referees were of a different caliber than those found here.

"Heck, the refs knew all their (UNLV) players by name," Painter said.



Photo by Dave Gieseke

Julie Chadwick goes up for two points in the Nebraska-Lincoln game Tuesday night. The 'Kittens lost their second straight home court game to the Lady Huskers by a score of 60-53. Julie Schmitz led the 'Kittens in scoring with 18 points while Patty Painter added 12.

Academics and the athlete-do they mix?

by Dave Gieseke and Lori Atkins

Academics and athletics are not always a likely pair for the college student.

They were an incompatible pair for the 1976 AP All-American team. Of the 18 senior members of the squad only six graduated. One of the many that didn't was Heisman Trophy winner Tony Dorsett.

"At a major university the players may have a chance to turn pro and make a living," said Sherri Reeves, women's athletic director. "This way they really don't feel they need to graduate. Plus a coach may suggest an athlete only take 12 hours during the season and thus they don't graduate after four years. If they get a pro contract, then they just don't finish their education."

But finishing their education is emphasized for the NWMSU athletes.

"We're not a football or basketball factory here. We stress to the athlete that they go to class," Dr. Mike Hunter, former men's athletic director, said in an interview last spring.

Regardless of this, NWMSU has its share of athletes dropping out due to bad grades. The swimming team last year had two members declared scholastically ineligible and were dropped from the team. Another member experienced grade problems and did not return to the team second semester.

For the fall semester at least 10 athletes were on academic probation. Other players who did not return to their teams due to grades were Stan Glover and Ken Kingsby. Both were members of the basketball team last year.

"We were disappointed with the grades the team made last year," Coach Larry Holley said. "We are going to do better this year though. We want to see everyone of our players graduate."

One solution sought by the basketball team is a Wednesday night study hall for freshman members.

"We hope this will be beneficial," Holley said. "All of our freshmen are required to go to this and one of our returning players is there. Other players are taking advantage of this too."

What does the athletic department offer the athlete who is struggling with his grades? According to Richard Flanagan, athletic director, the department

does not have the money to provide tutors for the athlete.

"The athlete has no advantage over any other student," Flanagan said. "Also the demand is not that great. We always keep tabs on our athletes. Compared to other schools in the MIAA conference, we are slightly above average."

"I feel that in the last five years we have graduated a large percentage of our athletes," said Dr. John Mees, vice president for student activities.

In the past several years, many college athletes have obtained academic excellence in major colleges with at least three going on to be Rhodes Scholars. Pat Haden, currently of the Los Angeles Rams, was one as were basketball players, Bill Bradley and Tom McMillen. All have gone on to make a successful career in professional sports.

Although no Rhodes Scholars have come from the athletic program here, several athletes have achieved academic excellence. Two members of last year's baseball team, Tom Franke and Steve Frailey, were honor students. Another 'Cat baseball player Ben Westman, has gone on to attend dental school. Julie Schmitz, a basketball player with a Chemistry/Biology major, had a 4.0 grade point average last semester. But how did they find the time to play sports and study?

"Sports may in fact help me in my studies because I have to schedule time for them. This way I don't neglect them," Westman said. "In order to graduate the athlete must budget his time. He is going to have a hard time if he does not."

Even two players who have moved on to the pros have come back to NWMSU to further their education. Marty Albertson and Steve Mapel, both professional baseball players, came back to continue their educations.

"I came back because I can't play baseball all my life," Albertson said. "Besides, I graduated in December."

Does the coach think the athlete can play and study at the same time?

"The athlete has got to learn that he must budget his time. If he doesn't do this he isn't going to make it," Holley said. "In fact he must budget more time to his

studies than does the student who isn't involved in athletics due to the time he puts in practice."

"We've found it is easier for the football player in the fall semester than it is in the spring. In the fall his time is scheduled for him," said Jim Redd, football coach.

Even though some come to learn, does a coach recruit an athlete for his athletic ability or his academic standing?

"Coaches hate to waste a scholarship on someone who isn't going to be around after the first semester," Doyle VanDyne, former director of financial aids said. "They're very careful about who they give their scholarships to. As a whole, the coaches want quality and not just the athlete."

When Redd recruits, he first discusses the academic needs of the prospective athlete then asks 'is NWMSU the type of football program you want?' Last he discusses the expenses of the University.

"If you go in reverse order then you miss the real point of a college education," Redd said.

"Academics is the first thing I talk to them about," said Jim Wasem, baseball coach.

"If they are not good students, we will not recruit them," Flanagan said. "It's important to recruit good students. If the athlete flunks out, nobody succeeds."

"It depends on the potential of the athlete in the classroom if we are going to give him a scholarship," Holley said. "Good grades enhance an athlete's chances of being recruited. We always go with the student who has the better grades."

Unlike the men's program, the women's has never lost an athlete to ineligibility according to Reeves.

"I think a good student and a good athlete make the team," Reeves said. "In fact, the last time I coached women's basketball, we had eight girls with at least a 3.0 grade point average. Of these eight, six had over a 3.5. Most of our girls come to school as students rather than athletes."

Apparently academics and the athlete do mix on the NWMSU campus. Perhaps Phil Blount, 'Cat basketball player, put it best when asked why he played basketball in college.

"If I went to college and played ball, then it's going to help me on my books because I know if my grades aren't good, then I can't play ball anymore."

Tracksters open indoor season

On Jan. 20, the 1979 edition of the NWMSU indoor track team will begin its seven-meet schedule as they travel to Crete, Nebraska to compete in the Ward Haylett Invitational.

The season was to begin early for eight individuals at the Drake Relays on Jan. 13 in Des Moines, but weather conditions prevented them from attending. The 35-man team will be under the reigns of Richard Flanagan, now in his sixth year as head coach, Assistant Coach Richard Alsup, and Graduate Assistant Ron DeShon.

The snowy and cold weather situation has also confined the runners, for the most part, to train in the "dungeon." The

"dungeon" is NWMSU's 125-yard, four-lane facility in the Lamkin Gym basement. Coach Flanagan admits it isn't the "ideal" place to train, but that "it's the only place to run in this weather." The middle and long distance runners, who are not accustomed to running indoor workouts, have adjusted well according to Flanagan.

On the upcoming season, Alsup mentions that younger runners are prone to inconsistency during their initial contact with college competition. Coaches Alsup and Flanagan share in the belief that the potential is there, but that it is too early to anticipate how the rest of the season will go.

Intramural competition resumed

Intramural competition has resumed after the mid-semester layoff with men's and women's basketball headlining the 1979 spring sports line-up.

Don Jacobs, intramural director, reported that 81 teams have turned in their rosters. That figure includes 69 men's teams--39 competitive and 30 recreational--and 12 women's recreational league teams. There are approximately 800 students participating in the 1979 basketball program.

Jacobs said points are only recorded for the competitive league. Those points earned in basketball will be added to the

previous semester totals in the battle for athletic supremacy.

In about two weeks, teams will be placed into tournament brackets. A subsequent playoff will follow to determine an overall campus basketball champion. All leagues will be involved in the tournament.

All basketball competition is scheduled to end the first week of February following the tournament.

The only other sport scheduled before spring break is coed racquetball, which will tentatively begin the first of February after the completion of basketball. The deadline for entering the racquetball competition is Feb. 1.



Photo by Dave Gieseke
Women's basketball intramurals started last Wednesday night with this game. Twelve teams have signed up to participate in the women's division.



'I think our first order of business should be the recruitment of new personnel.'

PRAISE OFFERED FOR RAPID SNOW REMOVAL

Some students, not registering the true scope of the situation, just do not realize what the security and maintenance crews did for them during the ravages of last weekend's snowstorm. To put it in plain and in simple terms: they kept stranded weekend students alive.

They made it possible for high rise students to eat and gave students access to their vehicles in a relatively short period of time.

All during Friday night, as the storm was gaining momentum, maintenance crews armed with little "bobcat" bulldozers traveled the sidewalks. Their night-long efforts made it possible for high rise students to get to the Union and use the cafeteria. They worked as the snow continued to rush down all through the day Saturday and forged a path for high rise students.

Then, when the storm's fury had finally silenced, they were stuck with the painstaking task of the digging out process. They attacked the problem with diligence, initiating the clean-up program early Sunday morning amid bitterly cold temperatures of minus 15 degrees and very disgruntled car owners.

A local tow truck was called in and imbedded cars were jerked out for no cost to the owner. They moved the heaps of white stuff fast. The high rise parking lot was dozed out by early Sunday night while the other lots were finished around Tuesday. There were incessant gripes about the procedure employed but with the amount of snow received in this area, not much more was possible.

The efforts of the maintenance crew on Sunday enabled students to go out and eat or acquire food for a meal. Those students returning from home, if they could find a road that was passable, found their arrival on campus less difficult as far as snow was concerned.

Security and maintenance crews have been a campus department much maligned with complaints in recent months. Perhaps those complaints were well-founded. This time, however, they came through with some tactics that were actually vital for student survival. It would not be petty to say that commendation needs to be offered for once.

LETTERS FROM READERS

ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD MISSOURIAN ADVERTISING

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to an editorial appearing in the Dec. 8, 1978, issue of the *Northwest Missourian*. Apparently someone on the staff of the school paper wrote it, defending the right of the paper to print advertisements from companies which sell term papers. I'm not trying to judge whether the aims of any such company are right or not, but I do object to the reasoning in the article. The point is, just because somebody has the money to pay for an ad, he doesn't automatically have the right to use the school paper for his message. If a gangster offered a murder-for-hire ad and could pay the price, would you take it? This is not a run-of-the-mill example but the principle applies to the paid-for term papers. If the journalist has a good reason to suspect unethical motives behind someone wanting to place an ad in a paper, then he is obligated to investigate the situation until he is reasonably certain no such event is taking place. My question is: Is this obligation being lived up to by authoritative people associated with the *Northwest Missourian*?

Sincerely yours,
Calvin Barratt

READER PROTESTS AGAINST MISQUOTES

Dear Editor,

This letter will attempt to correct and reiterate some of the errors and blatant misquotes of the article concerning me, published in the *Northwest Missourian*, Nov. 17. If your reporter, Ms. Watson, would have used a tape recorder, it would be unlikely that this letter would be necessary.

Ms. Watson either didn't understand what I was saying or couldn't express

it. The first paragraph comes off like I hate old ladies! The point I was expressing was that the term "Birding" is now used by birders who are younger, more aggressive and knowledgeable group than the commonly misconceived "old lady in tennis shoes" image. Several of the "old" lady birders, who spent an enormous amount of time and energy with me are still going strong and are well loved and respected by me.

I do not use 40 power binoculars; I own a pair of 7 X 50 binos, a Bausch & Lomb 15-60X zoom telescope, and a Canon Ftb camera with a 400 mm. lense. Where 40X binoculars came from truly perplexes me.

The range of Thayer's Gull given in the article is the Winter range. Thayer's Gulls nest in the central Canadian Arctic coast North to Ellesmere Is., West to Victoria Is. and East to South Hampton Is.

There are several more misquotes, which would only take too much time and space to correct, as they are relatively minor to me.

Sincerely yours,
Timothy Reece Barksdale

R A s deal with dorm problems

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter written "On behalf of Perrin Hall residents who like to sleep at night," we wish to clarify the misconception that the letter was a dorm-wide affront against all sororities. Dorm reaction leads us to believe the letter was written on behalf of one--possibly two--annoyed students.

All dorm residents are encouraged to seek their resident assistants for attention and correction of such matters in the future. Hopefully, we are better able than the editor of the school newspaper to deal with the situation.

Perrin R. A. Staff

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